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Memorandum

To: Regional Fire Management Coordinators, Regions 1-8

From: Chief, Branch of Fire Management 

Subject: Fiscal Year 2017 Service Direction for DOI Medical Standards Program

This memorandum provides direction on the implementation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Department of the Interior Wildland Firefighter Medical Standards Program (DOI MSP) and supersedes Branch of Fire Management memorandum FMB150035 dated September 15, 2015.

Comprehensive Health Services (CHS) began a three-year phased implementation plan for the DOI MSP on January 1, 2015. **Regions 1, 6, 7, and 8 successfully participated in Phase I in FY 2015** and will continue to use the contractor from this point forward. **Regions 2 and 5 successfully participated in Phase II in FY 2016.** All arduous personnel who completed an exam in 2015 or 2016 through CHS and received a Medically Qualified determination; or a Qualified with Risk Mitigation Waiver from their agency must complete the DOI MSP Self-Certification Process prior to taking the WCT in 2017. The Self-Certification process is available through the CHS Employee Access System (EAS). By default, the firefighter due for self-certification and the Client Access System (CAS) user who originally requested the employee's exam will be notified at 60, 30 and 15 days prior to the anniversary of the last exam. Results of completed self-certifications will be printable through EAS and should be used as verification of medical qualification at the WCT. Self-certification results will also be viewable by management in CAS.

Regions 3 and 4 will participate in the final implementation phase (Phase III) in FY2017. Beginning January 1, 2017, regions 3 and 4 will obtain medical clearance for an arduous fitness rated qualification by working through the CHS online system. More specific guidance for testing procedures under the new contractor will be conveyed directly to Regions 3 and 4 in future correspondence.

Questions regarding this program should be directed to Ted Mason, FWS National Fire Safety Specialist at 208-387-5831.

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